

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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RAISED BILL No. 6391 AAC THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Testimony of Maryanne Strindberg, IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 6391

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Committee

I am a nurse practitioner, board certified in gerontology and psychiatry and I practice in 11 nursing homes in the state of Connecticut. I service over 1000 patients. I have an MD partner and I consult with a variety of attending and specialist MDs throughout my work week.

If something were to happen to my current collaborating MD, I would no longer be able to provide care for my patients due to state law requiring a written agreement between myself and a physician. It could take months before I found another physician in my specialty and my patients would be unable to receive care.

If the law is changed and the written agreement requirement went away, I would continue to consult and collaborate with my attending physicians and specialists. We do not work in a vacuum. All providers, whether physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or psychologist collaborates, consult and seek help and advice from others.

Please consider amending this law to discontinue this barrier to my practice for the wellbeing of my patients.

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